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FALL BACK SAFELY: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 3 as we “fall back” and set the clocks back an hour at 2 a.m. This is a great time to check things in our homes that keep us safe and ready for emergencies such as smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and the Ready Wisconsin Campaign have the following tips to aid in preparing for emergencies as we quickly approach the winter season:

- **Smoke Detectors:** The National Fire Protection Association says three out of every five home fire deaths occurred when smoke detectors were either not present or were not working properly. Detectors should be tested monthly and replaced every 10 years.
- **Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Approximately 500 people are treated at hospital emergency rooms across the state annually for carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Health officials say many of these cases could be prevented by having working carbon monoxide detectors. Those devices should be replaced every five years.
- **Inspect Furnaces and Wood Burning Stoves:** Have a professional inspect and repair annually to ensure they are in working order and vent properly outside. Any heating device that burns fuel produces carbon monoxide.
- **Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:** Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, nausea, and confusion. At high levels, carbon monoxide can cause death within minutes. If you suspect you may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning or your detector sounds an alarm, go outside immediately for fresh air and call 911.
- **Emergency Kits in the Home:** This is a great time to check for expired products or items that may need to be replaced. Pay attention to items such as batteries, first aid supplies, and food, which should be replaced regularly.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is committed to ensuring the safety of our community. For assistance with emergency preparedness, please contact the Rock County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management Bureau at 608-758-8440.

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